GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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Expansion of AQI Monitoring System
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to expand the Air Quality Index (AQI) monitoring system to all State Capitals in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the details of funds allocated/ sanctioned for AQI programme for the year 2015-16 along with the funds utilized so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (c) The Ambient Air Quality data from Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring systems is interpreted through a software by the Central Pollution Control Board for projecting Air Quality Index (AQI), a public information tool on daily basis. At present, AQI is calculated for 11 cities which include four State Capitals, namely, Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad and Lucknow apart from National Capital Territory of Delhi. An amount of Rs. 5.5 lacs have been utilized during 2014-15 and there is no separate allocation for AQI in Central Pollution Control Board''s budget during 2015-16.

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